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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated February 13, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 10, lines 29-32, please replace the paragraph with the following:

--Figures 2A and 2B illustrate the comparison of the nucleic acid (Figure 2B; (SEQ

ID NOS: 1 and 2)) and protein (Figure 2A; (SEQ ID NOS: 25 and 26)) sequences $_{HS}Kin17$ and $_{Mm}Kin17$. Nucleotides = 86% identity, amino acids = 92.4% identity.--

Page 42 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Sequence Identifiers (SEQ ID NO:) have been added to the specification. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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